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Like Greenbelt's Recent Weather, FY15 Budget Outlook Is Bleak

by Thomas X. White

The annual City Manager Update Work Session was held on Wednesday, January 29 at the Community Center. This worksession, a prelude to the city's yearly budget review, provides an opportunity for City Manager Michael McLaughlin to brief city council on the state of the city finances at the midpoint of the current fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2014) budget. He offered a tentative prognosis as well of the fiscal outlook for the city as he begins to prepare the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

This presentation is slated to take place at the March 24 council meeting. That meeting will then be followed by weekly budget worksessions and public hearings, culminating in adoption in early June.

At this worksession, McLaughlin focused on a

December 2013 financial report, including a memorandum outlining the city's relative position on revenues and expenditures at the halfway point of the year. A separate memorandum contained his outlook or projections as he begins to formulate the new budget.

McLaughlin also provided updates on the city's planned capital projects, a so-called top 10 list of projects and issues on council's overall agenda for its current term. Other offerings listed goals/priorities identified at the council worksession of January 15, (GNR issue of January 23, 2014, Review of Goals and Visions for the New Term) and Council Action Request (CAR) list.

Revenue Outlook

City revenues collected through December 13, 2013, are

tracking at just under 75 percent of the FY14 budget estimates while the historical average at the midpoint of the fiscal year is slightly higher, at 76.77 percent. While the outlook for real estate tax revenue is very near historical averages, McLaughlin expressed caution. He is not yet sure, he said, how tax abatements that may be made by the State assessor's office before the end of the fiscal year will reduce real estate tax collections.

His forecast for income tax revenue is tracking higher than that of last year and he believes, he added, that revenue source can meet the budget estimate of \$2,230,000. Other revenue sources are also tracking projections thus far as well, but the city manager indicated they will need to finish strongly

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Preview

Our Town, a MAD Production, Brings Back Old Time, Cabaret

by Katrina Jackson

Goddard Space Flight Center's Music and Drama Club (MAD) will present its 2014 winter show, "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, from February 21 to March 8 at NASA Goddard's Barney and Bea Recreation Center.

In "Our Town," you'll meet the good people of Grover's Corners, N.H., at the turn of the 20th century as they navigate the joys and challenges of family, love, marriage and the brevity of life. This three-act play, an enduring classic of American theater, won the 1938 Pulitzer Prize for drama.

When you arrive at MAD's production, you'll be transported back to the year of "Our Town's" first performance with a pre-show cabaret of popular songs from 1938, along with hors d'oeuvres and soda, coffee or tea.

Cast members range from age 9 (Rebecca Gardner) to 89 (Ginny Zanner). Several members of the cast and crew hail from Greenbelt: Scott and Courtney Ritz; Helen Sydavar; Caitlin Cummings; Jim Pasquale; Derek and Christian Hudson; Ginny and Tommy Zanner; Jon, Anne, David and Rebecca Gardner; and Susan and Kathryn Breon.

"Our Town" is the last event in the Barney and Bea

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PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Gibbs family, from left, Eliot Malumuth (Dr. Gibbs), Vickie Buckland (Mrs. Gibbs), Tony Santiago (George Gibbs) and Rebecca Gardner (Rebecca Gibbs).

What Goes On

Monday, February 24

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team, Community Center

Wednesday, February 26

7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

Thursday, February 27

10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Heart Health Event, Free Carotid Artery, Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screenings. To register contact Sharon Johnson, Green Ridge House Service Coordinator at 301-412-2480.

Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans and is a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of residents of African decent living in Greenbelt. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

Greenbelter Al Freeman Helps Students with Jobs

by Altoria Bell Ross

Alphonso Freeman, III, has come full circle. The Windsor Green resident received his first job experience at the old Woodies (Woodward and Lothrop) in Landover Mall through Bladensburg High School's work study program. Freeman first worked in stock and linens and ended up selling women's shoes and men's clothing.

"Retail prepared me for working with the public," said Freeman, who received the Outstanding Work Study Student Award that year.

Today he returns the favor by giving Eleanor Roosevelt High School students their first work opportunity. When frequenting



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Carolyn Crawford works as a receptionist in Greenbelt resident Alphonso Freeman's Allstate office.

Freeman's Allstate Insurance office in Beltsville, the first person a visitor notices is the smiling Carolyn Crawford, a Roosevelt senior. Crawford began working as the company's receptionist in September 2013 and will continue through August 2014. Freeman

See **FREEMAN**, page 7

Activist Mary McLeod Bethune Is Remembered at Program

by Sam Stern

Dr. Ida Jones spoke about the life of civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune before a small crowd at the Greenbelt Library on February 11. Jones's lecture, entitled "Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington, D.C.: Activism and Education in Logan Circle," focused on Bethune's efforts for African Americans while she lived in the capital. Her presentation on Bethune comes in the wake of a book (of the same title) Jones has published.

Jones is senior manuscript librarian in the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center as well as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of History at Howard University. Her lecture touched briefly on Bethune's early life before delving into details of her time as an activist in Washington, D.C. "Her life as a whole would need to be done in four or five volumes; there's no way it could be done in one particular volume," Jones said.

Bethune was born in Mayesville, S.C., in 1875 to Samuel and Patsy McLeod. She gained inspiration from religious leaders as she grew up, using this as motivation to better the lives of others. "Her consistent endeavor was to shore up her people, to instill the vital spark of aspiration and confidence in their innate abilities," Jones said.

Bethune incorporated the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904. The school eventually became Bethune-Cookman University. Years later, Bethune moved to Washington, D.C., where she became a trusted advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt.

Founded NCNW

In 1935, Bethune founded the National Council of Negro Women in Washington, D.C. "She envisioned the NCNW to be an 'organization of organizations' that would represent the national and international concerns of

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Letters to the Editor

50 Years of Service

Year in and year out, Beltway Plaza has continued to be the shopping center for value, discounts, food, fun, films and community events. This has been the case for more than 50 years and it is still true today. Our mission has been to be a community center, a resource and a major employer. At any one time, approximately 1,000 people are employed at Beltway Plaza. Target, Burlington Coat Factory, Marshall's, Rainbow, Gallo, Shoppers World and Big Lots provide significant savings regardless of what your shopping needs may be. Despite the recession that has gripped our nation and a jobless recovery, there is no need for a shopper to hang back and wait for a sale. Everyday discounts are readily available at the stores and the theaters at Beltway Plaza, where, by the way, movie tickets are the lowest price in town.

A visit to the Beltway Plaza Mall website, www.beltwayplazamall.com, will show you over 100 stores, restaurants and entertainment venues, fun happenings and community events. And, there's more to come, including TJ MAXX, an African restaurant and a Japanese restaurant, all opening in the next couple of months.

In addition to valuable discounts on merchandise, Beltway Plaza is a good corporate citizen, striving to be of service in numerous community-oriented ways. So, what have we done for you lately?

Activities

Read on. I am amazed myself at the extent of the list of worthwhile activities at Beltway Plaza.

For the kids:

- Shop with A Cop
- Mall-wide Halloween Trick or Treat
- Halloween Pumpkin Crafting and Games of Skill
- March Madness Basketball Contests

For the less fortunate:

- Lions Club Toy Drive
- Beat The Furlough Giveaway

For the community:

- Wall of Fame Events - Recognition of Local Heroes

- National Night Out
- Avon Breast Cancer Community Booth
- Labor Day Parade Participation
- "Tackle the World: Tough Game Tougher Women" Documentary at the Academy 8 Stadium Theaters
- Expert Karate Demonstrations

Entertainment:

- Humberto Guzman and his Mariachi Band on Latin Sundays
- Pangea Vocalist

Just for fun:

- Treasure Chest Giveaways featuring Plaza Man, Bride of Plaza Man and Plaza Woman
- Back to School Fashion Show
- Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Columbus Day Events

In spite of the economic conditions we have all endured, our customers, our merchants and our employees seem to be the happiest, the most enthusiastic and the most service-dedicated we have seen in years. Knowing that the community is behind us, eager to show its support for Beltway Plaza and its merchants, makes us feel good in so many ways.

Oh, but, we're not quite finished yet. Beltway Plaza is planning a 50+ year Anniversary Celebration and numerous worthwhile community and entertainment events for the whole family, all the while fulfilling our mission to provide valuable goods and services and food at attractive prices. Check us out on-line, on Facebook and on Twitter. There's more inside and there's more to come.

Thank you for your patronage. Do not hesitate to contact me with your compliments and observations, suggestions and concerns; and yes, even your complaints and criticisms.

Kap Kapastin

Editor's Note: Kap Kapastin is General Counsel for Beltway Plaza.

Weather-Friendly Library Hours

We need to re-think the library policy of closing at every conceivable opportunity. For

example, the stores "get it" when they do their best to be open on holidays, snow days, etc., when people would have more time to shop.

And the radio station staff, the hospital workers, the police and many others have shown that they can get to work in inclement weather.

After the snow gets to be a foot deep, then for a day or two, perhaps a few hundred locals would suddenly be within walking distance of the library at a time when they could not go anywhere in their cars.

Bill Norwood

New Deal Raw Deal?

After reading Peter May's letter to the editor (Concern about Effect of Café Dismissal) in the February 13, 2014, issue of the News Review, I feel I need to offer another opinion. I have been a member of the New Deal co-op for over two years and have attended many Board of Directors' meetings. What I have witnessed during these meetings has been a co-op board that has always adhered to the bylaws set forth by The New Deal Co-operative, as I understand them. The decisions that the board has made have been well thought out and always have been in the best interests of the co-operative. The decision to terminate an employee is never an easy one but I believe that the decision to fire the general manager was not arbitrary but was a necessary action.

I am a frequent patron and volunteer bartender at the Café and have not seen any negative effects on the Café following the dismissal of the general manager. The New Deal Café, or "Greenbelt's Living Room" as it has affectionately been coined, is still thriving. Delicious food, great music, warm atmosphere and thought-provoking community events (such as Reel and Meal) are still offered, bringing in new customers and old friends every day.

Michael Rall

New Deal co-op member and volunteer bartender

Grin Belt



"Fifty degrees? And somebody kidnapped Mr. Frosty . . . where is my snowman???"

Love Your Woods Clean Up Rescheduled

As part of our Celebrate and Care for Greenbelt Forests' efforts we invite you to help clean up trash from the woods this Saturday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Meet at the Playground near 4 and 5 Courts of Gardenway (on the path to the overpass).

We will supply bags, gloves and equipment. You supply the love and labor. Light snacks will be served. For more information contact Susan Barnett, greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com, 301 474-7465 or 443 388-2961 or www.greenbeltforestpreserve.com.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Correction



In last week's article about Family Fitness Night at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the names of the young men were reversed in the caption, which should have read: Cedric Mitchell, left, and Emmanuel Brooks spar in a night of fun and fitness. Between them in the photo is Recreation Coordinator Frank Jones.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB 21

Monuments Men (PG-13)

FRIDAY

*5, 7:30, 9:45

SATURDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:45

SUNDAY

*2:30, *5, 7:30

MONDAY - THURSDAY

*5:15, 7:30

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Obituaries

Kathleen McMahon

Kathleen “Kassie” McMahon of Greenbelt, Md., died February 7, 2014, after a long battle with chronic health issues. Kassie was born on December 2, 1956, in Washington, D.C., to James and Sharon McMahon, who preceded her in death. Kassie is survived by her daughters Jessica Brlansky of Greenbelt, Md., and Liza Brlansky of Arcata, Calif., and her six siblings – Sherry McMahon of Washington, D.C., Michael McMahon and wife, Kay, of Rockville, Md., Pat McMahon of Frederick, Md., Maureen McMahon of Frederick, Md., Paul McMahon and wife, Elisa, of Frederick, Md., and Timothy McMahon of Ocean View, Del. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Kassie graduated from the University of Maryland with a Studio Arts degree in 1980. A lifelong artist, she used oil paints, water colors, and pencils to represent the landscapes of the Southwest. She was known for her independent spirit and her good will towards others. Eventually finding her heart home to be in the desert of Arizona, Kassie walked across the canyon lands daily with her two dogs. She became certified in special education and taught in California, New Mexico and Arizona.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122 or at <http://www.hospicechesapeake.org>.

Susan Ann Edmisten

Susan Ann Edmisten died on February 9, 2014.

Mrs. Edmisten was born on May 29, 1940, in Anson County N. C., where she was the fourth of eight children born to William Walton McRae and Lois Louise Griffin-McRae. She married Abraham Lincoln Edmisten on December 21, 1963, and had two daughters, Gloria Angelina Winfrey and Cynthia Ann Edmisten.



She moved to Greenbelt to

live with her daughter Gloria and her family in May, 2004, then moved soon into Green Ridge House. This is where she fell in love with Greenbelt. Mrs. Edmisten loved many aspects of the Greenbelt community. She loved the idea of her independence and would ride her electric chair to the Co-op to purchase her groceries or just to say “Hi” to everyone. She was seen most Labor Days playing bingo or watching her great-granddaughter Cynthia Quinton in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. She also enjoyed bingo and Wii bowling at Green Ridge House, being most prideful of her championship trophy.

Following an accident in 2011 she moved into Little Sisters of the Poor Jean Jugan Center in Washington, D.C., where she participated in many activities and obtained many new friends. Mrs. Edmisten battled a lifelong pulmonary issue which increased over the last year and required many stays in the hospital.

A memorial service will be held at St. Hugh’s Catholic Church on February 25 at 6 p.m.

Violin, Piano Concert At Unitarian Church

On Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m., Violinist James Stern and Pianist Audrey Andrist will play in concert at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church (PBUUC). This is the 50th concert in the Music at Paint Branch series which began 11 years ago when David Chapman became its music director. The facility is known for its remarkable acoustics and the duo’s program includes works by Beethoven, Janacek, Josef Suk and Messiaen.

The married couple has performed in the U.S., Canada and China, Munich, Paris and throughout the D.C. metropolitan area. Stern, who frequently performs at the Clarice Smith Center, is currently an associate professor and chair of the string division of the University of Maryland School of Music. Andrist, originally from rural Saskatchewan, with a Ph.D at Julliard, has an illustrious career and is currently on the faculty of UM-Baltimore and the Washington Conservatory.

There is no admission fee; donations will be accepted. A reception follows. PBUUC is at 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Susan Ann Edmisten who died February 9, 2014.

Condolences to the Brlansky and McMahon families on the death of Kathleen (“Kassie”) McMahon, 57, on February 7, 2014.

Congratulations to Stanley Zirkin who has been placed on the D.C. Courts’ Pro Bono Honor Roll in recognition of his extensive voluntary service in providing legal advice and assistance on employment and labor-related issues to low income workers. Zirkin also is a copy editor on Tuesday evenings at this newspaper.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. WTo send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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February 23, 10 a.m.

Forgiving or/and Forgetting

Rev. Diane Teichert

with Mary Wester, Worship Associate,
Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration,
and the Chalice Dancers.

We honor Black History Month with the Chalice Dancers’ 2013 Auction Dance, “We Shall Overcome” and by searching the writings, speeches and sermons of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for wisdom on the topic of forgiveness.

The Special Collection will be taken for The Family and Friends of Incarcerated People. Newcomers are invited for informal conversation with the Minister in her office from 11:30 to 12:30

CPAE Arts Drop-Ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Drop-In programs for children led by Aaron Springer from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 22 and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. The Saturday drop-in is being held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. These free arts workshops are for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult accompaniment).

For more details email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.



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Toastmasters Meet on Sunday

The History Makers Toastmasters Club will meet at 12.45pm on Sunday, February 23, at Restoration Center at 119 Centerway below the Co-op Supermarket.

Toastmasters offers a non-threatening and self-paced environment to improve both communication and leadership skills for professionals, business owners, parents, students and retirees. It helps its members to overcome their fear of public speaking to become better speakers and listeners for their personal growth and development.

Visitors are welcome to meetings, which are held every second and fourth Sunday.

For further details, please contact the president at mary@mharisonconsulting.com. For information on Toastmaster International, go to www.toastmasters.org.

City Notes

Horticulture/Parks crew replaced a section of concrete floor in the weight room at the Youth Center.

CARES

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program has three new interns. Victoria Hill and Matilda Fon are nursing students from Washington Adventist University and Comfort Adewunmi is a public health student from the University of Maryland. All three students are Franklin Park residents.

Drama Club, an anger management group, began with six participants.

Faculty Trio Boasts Bassoon, Piano, Flute

On Monday, February 24 at 8 p.m. a free faculty artist recital will be given in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. Music Department faculty artists and National Symphony Orchestra principal musicians Sue Heineman and Aaron Goldman will be joined by pianist Audrey Andrist in a concert of intimate works for bassoon, flute and piano.

Seating will be first come, first served. For more information call 301-405-2787- or visit claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Owl Prowl Offered At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge offers an owl prowl on Sunday, February 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for those ages 10+. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Rte. 198 between the B-W Parkway and Rte. 32. For details visit www.patuxent.fws.gov.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
Minutes of Council Meetings
Administrative Reports
Council Reports
Committee Reports
- **Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2014-1 (Response to the Abell Petition on Child Pornography)**
- **Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2014-1 (Alternative Fuel Vehicles for the City)**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1) - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution Electing to Cover City Public Safety Employees and Their Dependents under Sections 9-683.5 of the Labor and Employment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS
- Referral of Possible Conflict of Interest Matter to Ethics Commission
- County Councilmember Olson's Bill on Science Technology District
- State Legislation
- Council Reports
* - Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 24-28


Monday, February 24 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30pm **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GREEN ACES) AND GREEN TEAM** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Open to the public.

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm, **LEGISLATIVE DINNER** in Annapolis.

Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Referral to APB for review and recommendation: East Coast Greenway Signage AND Planning and Zoning Education Course, pursuant to the Smart, Green, and Growing Act of 2009

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



HEART HEALTH EVENT
Thursday, February 27
10am-Noon and 1pm-3pm
Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road

Free Carotid Artery, Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screenings. Learn how you can reduce your risk of heart and blood vessel diseases.

To register contact Sharon Johnson, Green Ridge House Service Coordinator at 301-412-2480.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm
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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

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Recreation Center at Goddard before it closes for renovations. The show runs for three weekends from February 21 to March 8 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. It is directed by Jon Gardner and produced by Kim Weaver.

There will be a sign language interpretation on Saturday, March 1 and an audio description on Sunday, March 2. Please call if you have requests for other disability accommodations.

There is a fee, with discounts for opening weekend. See the ad on page 7.

For more information, visit www.madtheater.org, or call 240-475-8800.

At right, baseball players Derek Hudson, left, and Scott Ritz.

Below, the cast gets ready, from left, Gabriele Betancourt-Martinez (Sam Craig), Scott Ritz (Joe Stoddard), Rebecca Gardner (Rebecca Gibbs) and Anne Gardner.



PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER



Webb family, from left, Melanie Pino-Elliott (Emily Webb), Karen Levay (Mrs. Webb) and Matt DeLand (Mr. Webb).

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during the balance of the year to meet budget projections. These revenues include Admissions and Amusement taxes, Hotel/Motel taxes and Recreation Department fees for special programs.

While the city’s speed camera operations in school zones is on track to meet or exceed its income budget of \$150,000 for FY14, McLaughlin noted that the trend for revenue from the cameras is decreasing. If that continues (due to increasing compliance by drivers to posted speed limits), he expects that revenues for FY15 could be less.

Expenditure Forecast

City expenditures thus far are slightly under 60 percent of the adopted FY14 budget which is just a little above the historic level (58 percent). Police Department expenditures factor into the marginal increase in expenditures – namely retirement payouts this year, which usually are not budgeted.

In his report the manager noted that there have been no significant savings and while most other expenditures are trending close to their budget amounts, he believes that General Fund Expenditures for the fiscal year will exceed the adopted budget. He reminded council that the FY13 budget had also exceeded expenditures by \$754,000.

Budget Preview

In a January memorandum McLaughlin wrote that work on the FY15 budget has begun but that it was too early to provide much detail. He sees revenues for the coming fiscal year as remaining in the range of \$24.6 to \$25 million.

Attached to the memorandum was a chart mapping city revenues and expenditures for the past 10 years. For Fiscal Year 2005 revenues totaled \$18.8 million and by 2008 (before the economic downturn) it had reached \$23.8 million. Revenues peaked in 2011 at \$25.5 million and since then have hovered just under that level.

Staff expects to receive real property assessments for Greenbelt from the assessor’s office by mid-February and believes they will be close to current assessments. Other revenues are also likely to remain flat, except for slight increases in income taxes. McLaughlin also believes State Shared Highway User Revenues will be the same or slightly greater for FY15.

On the expenditure side, the bottom line in the General Fund should be in a similar range as the projected revenues (\$24.6 to \$25 million). Renovation of the Greenbelt theater and other recommended projects will put pressure on available Capital Project funds.

Foreboding Note

McLaughlin’s memorandum ends on a foreboding note: “In recent years, the budget has been balanced with actions which were relatively painless, such as refinancing the city’s debt and eliminating some vacant positions, and actions which were painful, such as paring back employee benefits and a tax rate increase in FY14. At this point, it appears balancing the budget for FY15 may require additional cuts and/or increased revenue just to maintain core services, none of which would be painless.”

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said the student is one of many who have come from Roosevelt’s work study program.

In 1976 when Freeman graduated from high school, his father sent him to an agent he knew with the goal of buying an insurance policy. The agent was so impressed by Freeman’s manner and track record at Woodies, he hired him. Freeman sold Life Conquest insurance and said income from that job financed his college education at Prince George’s Community College (PGCC). Before graduating from PGCC in 1981, Freeman obtained his life, health, property and casualty insurance licenses. He continued working for Life Conquest until 1984 when he joined Allstate. Five years later, he and another agents opened an Allstate office in Lanham. Later, he relocated his office to College Park and to Beltsville in 2010.

“I like running and owning my own business,” said the oldest of four siblings. “I enjoy sales and interacting with people and having the ability to help individuals and families with various insurance policies as well as business.”

Freeman’s brother is an IT specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, his younger sister works at the Prince George’s County courthouse and his other sister is studying to become a registered nurse like their mother who retired from the D.C. Health Department. His father retired after a career in the Government Printing Office.

Freeman said Black History Month “makes us look back over our achievements over the years,” stating that he never thought he would see a black President elected in the United States. He said he remembered the race riots of the 1960s in D.C. along H Street, Nichols and Benning Roads.

“My parents made me stay in the house,” said Freeman. “I was a little confused.”

Instead of focusing on racism Freeman said he conducts self-examination.

“I looked at my own abilities and if it wasn’t happening, I’d find ways to make it happen.” For instance, Freeman said, if sales needed a boost, he would educate himself better and find the adequate market. If a customer objected to the price, he would emphasize value. “There are ways to make it better.”

Freeman said he has always been self-directed. “I know what my goals are and what it takes to achieve them. I always believe in being professional and giving clients undivided attention. I want to be successful in meeting goals.”

Freeman said his long-term vision is to have a large agency with several sales producers. Currently he has a bilingual agent working in the office to attract the Latino market and he also has a producer who works outside the office selling life and health insurance.

“It starts with a vision. Nobody can tell you what you can’t do.”

Watkins Nature Center Offers Kids Programs

Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro is offering a variety of programs with activities that encourage youth to learn about and connect with nature. On Saturday, February 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. the program will be a live animal show for ages 2 and up. At these events children will meet some of the center’s live animals, discover how the animals survive in the winter, learn about the animals’ habits and characteristics, listen to stories, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature on a hike and make crafts.

There is a nominal fee per child and reservations are required. To register online, visit www.pgparcs.com. For more information call 301-218-6702. This is an on-going series of programs that continues through the month of February.

Refuge Bird Walk

On Sunday, February 23 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. the Patuxent Refuge North Tract offers a bird walk. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. This program is for all ages.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge, are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For details visit www.patuxent.fws.gov.

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GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETINGS

Thursday, February 27, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Exception Request to Allow a Window in a Wall A/C Opening, 33C Ridge
- Yard Line Certification: 5 Court Eastway
- Review of Maryland House Bill 1328
- Recommendation from Auditor for a Change to GHI’s Capitalization Policy
- Proposed Smoke Alarm Upgrades for GHI Homes
- Electrical Equipment Repair Contract, 1st Reading
- Gutter Cleaning Contract, 1st Reading
- Proposed Pepco Energy Efficiency Upgrades in Administration Building
- Unit Data Base Copier Lease, 2nd Reading

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

Arrest

February 6, 11:08 p.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace, public affray and trespass after being involved in a physical altercation with another patron at T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant and refusing to leave the property. He declined medical treatment for a minor injury and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 7, 2:45 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A Greenbelt teenager was arrested for theft after apparently using another student's PIN number to make purchases at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. The 16-year-old was released to a parent pending action by the school board and juvenile justice system.

DWI/DUI

February 8, 2:52 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Greenbelt Road. A 25-year-old nonresident was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 9, 2:04 a.m., Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive. A 42-year-old resident woman was arrested for multiple alcohol and traffic-related charges as a result of a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Robbery

February 6, 9 p.m., 9100 Edmonston Road. A man had arranged a meeting over an internet dating site, but upon meeting the person at a residence, a verbal dispute ensued. The suspect blocked the exit, produced a hammer, and a robbery was announced as the victim tried to leave. The victim was able to leave after giving the suspect money. The investigation is continuing.

Burglary

February 7, 12:10 a.m., 7700 Belle Point Drive. An unknown person forced open the door of an office suite. Nothing was stolen.

Vandalism

February 7, 7:30 p.m., 8000 Mandan Road. An unknown individual used a rock to break out a glass patio window.

February 8, 8 a.m., 21 Ridge Road. A city-owned park bench and a crosswalk sign were vandalized by an unknown person(s).

February 11, 10:40 a.m., 6200 Springhill Drive. An unknown person shattered the window of a living room using a brick.

Theft

February 5, 3:38 p.m., 7400 Greenbelt Road. An unattended iPad was taken by an unknown person in the IHOP restaurant.

Counterfeit Money

February 7, 11:21 p.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. An unknown person passed counterfeit money at T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant.

Automotive Crimes

February 12, 7300 Morrison Drive. A silver 2014 Toyota Camry 4-door, Md. Tags 8BE7820, reported stolen.

February 8-11: 7200 Hanover Parkway (stolen rear New York tag, GEW9806)

500 Crescent Road (purse removed from front seat, driver's window broken)

7600 Greenbelt Road. A man stole an iPad and a purse from two different vehicles at a gas station as the car owners were pumping gas. He fled the scene as a passenger in a black Acura with tinted windows.

6000 Greenbelt Road. The side of a vehicle was scratched by an unknown person using an unknown object, resulting in damaged paint.

CPAE Photography Club Meets Friday

Photography buffs who want to attend and participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), may attend meetings on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/photo20740.

Book Club to Discuss Women's Nonfiction

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Dartmouth and Knox Roads), in College Park. The book to be discussed February 21 is *Hyperbole and a Half*, by Allie Brosh.

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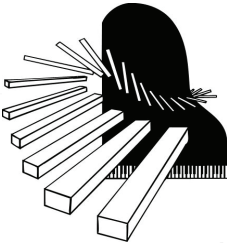
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Review of Gray’s Art Show At the New Deal Café

by Betsy Barber

Marjorie Gray’s art show at the New Deal Café was a great surprise. As I walked into the first room I felt I was going to witness something very expressive and unique. Her works – collages and paper sculptures interwoven with accompanying poems – are truly original statements.

And as I ventured into the back room and met Marjorie, I was to experience more of this singular talent. Marjorie handed us a brochure with photos of her paintings and generously escorted us around each room, explaining each work and telling us how she put everything together.

As Marjorie talked about each piece the whole room took on a quality of intense emotion.

“Poemburst” could be a moon, a sun, a clock. “The most positive of all the pieces,” I thought, with the silvery background, splashes of color, small images of forms and fragments of poems.

Then there is a small work “alive?” representing the harsh and cruel elements of our own human predicament. I stared at this image and asked myself, “Is this who I am?” My understanding opened to the harsh reality of our environmental disasters. I began to ask, “What can I do about this?”

The piece “Danced in the Morning” was more positive and showed a fine construction of circles, triangles and strings interwoven with Marjorie’s poems. At this work, Marjorie explained her faith – confiding to us that she is of the Christian Left, not the Right. I am positive that it is her faith that gives her the strength to make such powerful statements.

“Going on” forces us to look at the sad faces of exploited children who live in a world of poverty where “dollar signs and questions fume above molten debris.”

The saddest painting was the most beautiful. At first I thought it was an old Dutch windmill, a place of calm beauty. But it was actually about the destruction of our planet due to hydraulic

Black History Science Program in Vansville

On Tuesday, February 25 at 3:30 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. Montpelier Mansion staff will be at the Vansville Community Center to discuss “The Iron Industry in Laurel, Before and After Emancipation.” Learn about enslaved iron workers who made farm tools for wealthy plantation owners and do experiments to learn what it’s like to work with iron.

This program is free and intended for ages 10 and up. The Vansville Community Center is located at 6813 Ammendale Road, Beltsville.

For more information contact Vansville Community Center, 301-937-6621; TTY 301-455-4512 or Montpelier Mansion Historic Site, 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544.

fracking – scarring our earth and sky as we say goodbye to the poisoned gardens, wetlands and dragonflies, as we say a sad farewell to that precious light blue, that lovely gray-green.

I was humbled and moved to be a part of this very unusual opening night.

The music of April Vega – soft strums on an Irish harp – provided a background of comfort and sweetness, as if an Irish woman sitting beside a stone fireplace was putting her children to bed after a long day’s work.

A great tribute should be given to Marjorie for taking our planet’s worst problems and raising them up as art forms and, in so doing, also raising our consciousness.

Her artwork will be on display at the New Deal Café through March.

Signs of Spring At Botanic Gardens

A free tour at the U.S. Botanic Garden this Saturday, February 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. will look at signs of spring. Ready to “spring forward?” Join Emily Porter to explore the first signs of spring in the National Garden.

During this outdoor tour, learn to identify a variety of common native plants and discover the important clues that plants reveal about the life cycles of their surroundings. Observations made during the tour will contribute to scientific research on local plants and one will connect with Project BudBurst, a national network of citizen scientists. Please note this tour is held outdoors. Bring sunscreen, protective clothing and water. The tour is canceled if it rains or snows.

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Dr. Ida Jones speaks about the many contributions made by local civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

black women,” according to the NCNW website. Today the original headquarters stands as a monument to Bethune’s civil rights efforts. While in the nation’s capital, Bethune worked tirelessly to end the segregation that gripped the city. Her lifelong friendship with Roosevelt enabled her cause to be heard by the nation’s most important policy makers.

Jones’s lecture shaped a perception that Bethune touched many lives in her time as an activist in Washington, D.C. The audience, which grew in size as Jones’s lecture went on, listened with rapt attention and asked numerous questions during the presentation.

The lecture is one of many in a series coordinated by C.R. Gibbs, a “noted historian of the African Diaspora,” according to a flyer Gibbs handed to audience members. The “2014 African History and Culture Lecture Series” aims to educate members of the surrounding communities about the African American experience. “[Our goal] is to increase the knowledge of and awareness of the achievements of people of African descent around the world, and bring it to a local audience,” Gibbs explained. Gibbs will be giving many of the lectures himself in

County Holds African American Festival

The Prince George’s Sports and Learning Center in Landover will be the site of a free African-American Family Day Festival on Saturday, February 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join in celebrating Black History Month with a festival. There will be an abundance of activities, from African dance classes to storytelling to food, crafts and many more. Vendors will be on-site selling a variety of items. All ages are welcome. For more information call 301-583-2582; TTY 301-583-2483.



Dr. Ida Jones' recently released book “Mary McLeod Bethune in Washington, DC: Activism and Education in Logan Circle,” is available at bookstores and online.

the coming months. The talk lasted roughly an hour, ending with Jones emphasizing the different types of people on whom Bethune had had an impact: ambassadors, university presidents, diplomats, students and teachers. Bethune’s achievements live on today, he said, with the numerous institutions and organizations she had shaped. “My intentions are to keep her [Bethune] in the mind of who we are as citizens and human beings,” Jones said. The lecture series at the Greenbelt Library will continue on February 25 with Grand Theft Africa (see page 3 for more details). *Sam Stern is a sophomore journalism student at the University of Maryland.*

NGA Offers Music By Black Composers

On Sunday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert by Louise Toppin, soprano, and Leon Bates, pianist. The site will be the East Building Concourse Auditorium and the program will include spirituals and other music by African American composers.

Postponed Museum Lecture Rescheduled

On Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will hold the lecture originally scheduled for January 21, but delayed due to snow. University of Maryland Senior Alli Hartley, the Greenbelt Museum’s first Dorothy Sucher Memorial intern recipient, will give a lecture at the Community Center on Greenbelt women and civic participation, “Women Organize Effectively.”

She will discuss how Greenbelt women defied the 20th century myth of the middle class suburban housewife by becoming political actors in their own right and how they achieved leadership roles in the community both in the context of the New Deal and post-World War II. Hartley, whose internship ended in December, created an activity book and an interactive children’s area in the Museum’s historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. The house is open on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For more information call the museum at 301-507-6582 or visit the website at www.Greenbeltmuseum.org.

Doctors Hospital Seeks 4-Wheel Drive Help

Doctors Community Hospital needs a bank of volunteer drivers with four-wheel-drive vehicles to transport essential employees to and from its campus in inclement weather. Such assistance is needed if the snow accumulation exceeds four inches or more in Prince George’s County. Volunteers are invaluable in helping the hospital continue to provide needed medical care to the community during weather

emergencies. In addition to appreciation, four-wheel-drive volunteers will receive a meal, mileage reimbursement and gas reimbursement. To qualify as a volunteer driver, one must be 21 years of age or older, have a registered four-wheel-drive vehicle and provide a copy of a valid driver’s license and insurance card. For more information call 301-552-8888.

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